

Application No.: 10/736,665
Amendment filed on September 16, 2005
Reply to Office Action dated May 17, 2005

Docket No.: 8734.275.00

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIG. 6B. The changes include a double-faced tape 41c.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated May 17, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1 and 11 are hereby amended. Claims 1–21 are pending, with claims 14–21 being withdrawn from consideration. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a); claims 1, 3, 5–7, and 10–11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,697,416 to Momose et al. (hereinafter “Momose”); claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Momose in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,336,535 to Fukuchi et al. (hereinafter “Fukuchi”); claims 8–9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Momose in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,984,294 to Bogomolny (hereinafter “Bogomolny”); claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Momose in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,388,729 to Ahn et al. (hereinafter “Ahn”); and claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Momose and U.S. Patent No. 5,670,994 to Kawaguchi et al. (hereinafter “Kawaguchi”).

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). Applicants amend FIG. 6B and paragraph [0081] of the specification to include a “double-faced tape 41c,” which is recited in claim 4. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings based on claim 4.

Regarding the “fixing device provided between the support main at a rear portion of the liquid crystal device module and the printed circuit board” recited in claim 5, Applicants respectfully point out that this feature of the claimed invention is illustrated in FIG. 5, wherein the fixing device 41 is provided between the support main 13 and the printed circuit board 45. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings with regard to claim 5.

Regarding the “U-shaped end portion in contact with the printed circuit board,” recited in claim 6, Applicants respectfully point out that the U-shaped end is illustrated in FIGs. 6B and 7B. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings with regard to claim 6.

With regard to claim 11, Applicants respectfully point out that the “the covering part of the fixing device [that] prevents the inserted digitizer from contacting the printed circuit board” is illustrated in FIGs. 5 and 6A. FIG. 6A illustrates the covering part of the fixing device 41; and FIG. 5 illustrates the covering part of fixing device 41 preventing the digitizer 40 from contacting the printed circuit board 45. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings based on claim 11.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 5–7, and 10–11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Momose. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request reconsideration. Claim 1 is allowable over Momose in that it recites “a fixing device for inserting a digitizer.” Nothing in Momose teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. The Examiner cites element 16 of FIG. 1A of Momose as referring to a fixing device. However, Applicants respectfully point out that element 16 refers to a “flexible interconnection board” that is “electrically connected to the panel terminals.” (Column 6, lines 40–41). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, and its dependent claims 3, 4–7, and 10–11, are allowable over Momose.

In the Office Action, claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Momose in view of Fukuchi. Claim 2, which depends from claim 1, is allowable in that Fukuchi fails to cure the deficiency of Momose in teaching or suggesting “a fixing device for inserting a digitizer.” Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 2, as it depends from claim 1, is allowable over any combination of Momose and Fukuchi.

In the Office Action, claims 8–9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Momose in view of Bogomolny. Claims 8–9 and 12, which depend from claim 1, are allowable in that Bogomolny fails to cure the deficiency of Momose in teaching or suggesting “a fixing device for inserting a digitizer.” Accordingly, Applicants

respectfully submit that claims 8–9 and 12 are allowable over any combination of Momose and Bogomolny.

In the Office Action, claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Momose in view of Ahn. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request reconsideration. Claim 11, which depends from claim 1, is allowable because Ahn fails to cure the deficiency of Momose to teach or suggest “a fixing device for inserting a digitizer.” Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11, as it depends from claim 1, is allowable over any combination of Momose and Ahn.

In the Office Action, claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Momose and Kawaguchi. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request reconsideration. Claim 13, which depends from claim 1, is allowable in that Kawaguchi fails to cure the deficiency of Momose to teach or suggest “a fixing device for inserting a digitizer.” Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 13, as it depends from claim 1, is allowable over any combination of Momose and Kawaguchi.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The undersigned hereby signs this filing under the authority provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.34 pending the filing of a Power of Attorney and Statement under 3.73(b) executed by Assignee.

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ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

FIG. 6A

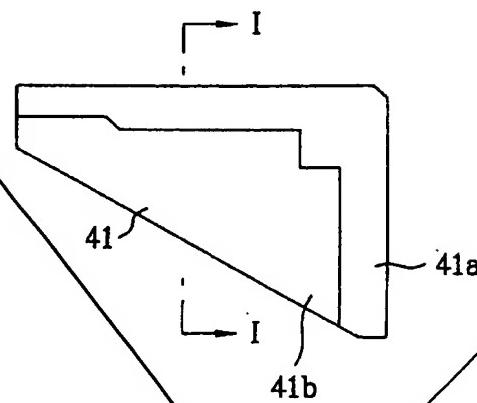


FIG. 6B

